

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 13, 19-20, 22, 24-26, 28-29 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 15, 21, 23 and 30-31 have been cancelled. Claims 33-43 are new. Therefore, claims 7-14, 16-20, 22, 24-29 and 32-43 are present for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 7-12 are allowable. These claims remain in the case. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 15, 18, 23, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 15, 23, and 31 have been incorporated into Claims 13, 20 and 28, respectively. Accordingly, claims 13, 20, and 28 are believed to be allowable. The remaining claims, including the new claims are dependent upon one of 7, 13, 20 or 28 and are believed to be allowable therefore as well as for the specific recitations set forth in each claim, respectively.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

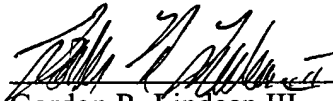
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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